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'Belt-tightening' budget forecasts balanced books by 2013-14

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B.C. Finance Minister Colin Hansen talks about the 2009 provincial budget in Victoria yesterday.

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Plunging tax and resource revenues compounded with the most expensive fire season in history will result in a $2.8 billion provincial deficit in 2009, Finance Minister Colin Hansen forecast in Victoria yesterday.

Hansen also revealed — that sometime during the election campaign — he was told revenue projections would be lower than predicted. In February, Hansen predicted a deficit of $495 million for 2009 and the Liberals ran with that number in the spring's provincial election.

"The government can't get its story straight," said New Democrat Leader Carole James. "That certainly contradicts what the premier has said previously. It's a budget based on deceit."

Hansen admitted that he had a casual conversation during the election with a member of the finance staff who indicated that revenues were being hit harder than expected, in the order of $200-$300 million. He felt the reduction was "quite doable," because it would be offset by savings in various government ministries.

Premier Gordon Campbell said yesterday that a week before the election, he too had heard during discussions around the H1N1 influenza A virus (also known as swine flu) that revenues were weakening, but was told that they could be managed within the framework of February's budget.

Hansen, who forecast consecutive deficits of $2.8 billion, $1.7 billion, $945 million and $140 million, returning to balanced books by 2013-2014, said his budget will protect vital services while laying the foundation for economic recovery.

"This is a very tight budget," he said. "It is belt tightening not just for one year, but over the entire three years of the plan."

Hansen blamed the ballooning deficit on a $2-billion drop-off in expected revenues. The largest drop is expected in personal income tax and natural gas revenues. Corporate tax, forest and mineral revenues are also projected to decline.

The province increased spending to health care, education and social services. It also saw a massive increase in the cost of fighting forest fires. B.C. has experienced about 1,000 more fires than normal. The province is also spending about $80 million to prepare for swine flu. Blunting the shortfall is $750-million from the federal government, part of a $1.6-billion payout to smooth the transition to the pending harmonized sales tax (HST).

Highlights of budget 2009

- Medical Services Plan premiums will rise for the first time since 2002, rising 6 per cent, or about $3 per person per month.
- B.C. will spend $151 million to implement full-day kindergarten beginning next fall, with full implementation by 2011.
- The basic personal income tax credit will be increased to $11,000, up 17 per cent from $9,373.

"It's a recipe for more debt for families who are struggling to pay for education in this province ... cutting financial aid by 14 per cent is going to be fairly devastating."
Shamus Reid, chair Canadian Federation of Students

"There's nothing ... concerning the HST for our membership ... We're thrown out in the middle of the ocean and hopefully he'll throw us a life jacket."
Garth Whyte, president and CEO Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association

"We think it is a reasonable budget for challenging economic times in B.C. ... It doesn't let the deficit get completely out of hand and positions British Columbia for strong economic performance once we get out of this downturn."
Jock Finlayson, exec. v.p. of the B.C. Business Council

"I'm really disappointed. It's dishonest. It's full of cuts. He says he's protecting things when he's not. ... At the end of the day, the ditch that we're in is not going to get any better because of this government."
Jim Sinclair, president of the B.C. Federation of Labour

"I think it is a real lost opportunity. ... The Ministry of Environment took a 10 per cent hit. The environment is really what our economy is based on and we need to ensure that it's safeguarded. I'm concerned that this budget reduces our ability to protect the environment."
Merran Smith, climate director ForestEthics

Ignatieff tells Harper, 'Your time is up'

POLITICS The country could be plunged into yet another election campaign in as little as two weeks after Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff warned Prime Minister Stephen Harper: "Your time is up."

Ignatieff delivered a campaign-style speech to his caucus yesterday, announcing that the Liberal party will no longer support the Tories in crucial confidence votes in the House of Commons.

"We will hold Stephen Harper to account and we will oppose his government," Ignatieff told MPs and senators in Sudbury, Ont.

Liberal MP Bob Rae later said the party will present a motion of non-confidence at "the first available opportunity," which comes the first week of October.

It could happen earlier if the government introduces a ways-and-means motion — to implement some aspects of last January's budget, including the popular home renovation tax credit — as soon as Parliament resumes Sept. 14.

In Calgary, Harper warned that an election could disrupt the fragile economic recovery.

"I haven't met a single Canadian who's saying they want to see an election right now," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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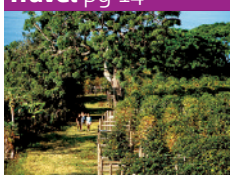

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One of the first residences in Canada dedicated to master of business administration students opens at UBC's Sauder School of Business today. MBA House, in the Wesbrook Place neighbourhood, is a four-storey, $12-million facility offering housing for 88 students. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Relaunch planned for Petcetera

The founder of Vancouver-based Petcetera plans to re-open the best 20 locations of the pet products retailer, less than half the number of stores that existed before the chain went bankrupt in June. Nine of the new stores will be in B.C.
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New deputy city manager appointed

CITY HALL An environmentalist and current deputy chief of staff to Chicago's mayor has been appointed Vancouver's deputy city manager.

Sadhu Aufochs Johnston serves as the chief environmental officer for the City of Chicago, the first position of its kind in United States' city government. His appointment, which takes effect Nov. 2, was announced yesterday by Vancouver city manager Penny Ballem.

"We have in Sadhu Aufochs Johnston a seasoned city administrator and a highly experienced leader who has pioneered environmental programs, strategies and regulations for the United States' third largest city," Ballem said.

She added that Johnston has been an advocate on climate change, energy efficiency, green building, construction debris recycling, and site remediation regulations.

"His experience will be invaluable … as we move forward with the Greenest City initiative," Ballem added.

Johnston said he spent many summers visiting family in Vancouver while growing up.

"Ever since then, as I worked to make U.S. cities green, I looked to Vancouver for inspiration," Johnston said. METRO VANCOUVER

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Demanding evidence

Ex-KGB agent who faces deportation wants his files released

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A former KGB agent who has been in sanctuary in a Vancouver church for three months wants Ottawa to release files held on him by CSIS, the Canada Border Services Agency and the RCMP.

Mikhail Lennikov was ordered deported to Russia in June after the government declared him a national security risk.

But he says the government has no evidence he's a threat and is stalling on handing over his files because it knows the deportation order is unwarranted.

Lennikov has asked for the files through the Privacy Act, and only the RCMP has complied — in part, NDP MP Peter Julian said yesterday.

"We have heard back in the last couple of weeks from the RCMP. Of the 59 pages that are in Mr. Lennikov's file, two-thirds have been withheld," Julian said.

The information amounts to a car accident report and a complaint Lennikov filed in 2007.

"My office and I are filing, under the Privacy Act, an appeal with the privacy commissioner to … push the government to make these records available," said Julian.

"I suspect they have nothing, and that is why they are withholding the documents."

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Former KGB agent Mikhail Lennikov speaks to reporters at First Lutheran Church in Vancouver yesterday. Lennikov is requesting that Ottawa release its files on him, as he tries to avoid being deported.

Time frame

- It could take two to three months to hear back from the privacy commissioner

Lennikov said it has been hard on his family to have him in sanctuary and to lose a second income.

"(My son) had been coming almost every day and sometimes staying for a couple of days," Lennikov said. "(My wife) comes a couple of times a week and normally she stays on Saturday and Sunday."

Search and rescue dog remembered

MEMORIAL A memorial service will be held today for a Vancouver fire search and rescue dog that died of cancer.

Vancouver fire Cpt. Gabe Roder said Barkley was 13.

The golden retriever served Vancouver Fire and Rescue and the City of Vancouver Urban Search and Rescue Team for 11 years.

In 2005, he was deployed both to the Gulf Coast to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and to the North Vancouver mudslide.

As a cadaver dog, Barkley also participated in a number of high profile cases for various police departments in the Lower Mainland.

He died of prostate cancer. Barkley's handler, rescue officer Flynn Lamont, will also be at the memorial service at Fire Hall No. 1 at 10 a.m. METRO VANCOUVER

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Barkley served Vancouver Fire Services for 11 years.

News in brief

ROBBERY Transit police are looking for two teenage boys who punched and kicked a woman and her friend at the Main Street SkyTrain Station after they refused an offer to buy an Xbox from the suspects.

CLASSES School has already started for students along the Sea-To-Sky corridor in anticipation of a break in classes for two weeks during the 2010 Games.

ARREST A 33-year-old New Westminster man has been arrested for allegedly trying to lure a 14-year-old girl over the Internet to have sex with him. The victim was a male police detective posing as a young girl as part of a police initiative to combat sexual exploitation of youth.

DRUGS A pair of Vancouver therapists may soon be prescribing "medicinal ecstasy" to victims of post-traumatic stress disorder, news1130.com reports. The research trial would likely be performed on about a dozen soldiers and police officers first.

CHARGES An 18-year-old Langley man has been arrested after being caught spray painting on the concrete of a skate park across from an RCMP detachment. The suspect is set to appear in court on Oct. 12.
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Website lets travellers find homes to stay in

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Vancouverites don't have to wait until the Olympics to make some extra cash renting out their spare bedroom or the pullout couch in their den.

Sharon Dinur has opened the private basement suite in her Vancouver home to travellers looking for a middle ground between expensive hotels and bed-and-breakfasts and low-budget hostels.

She says the experience has been "wonderful" for her family because they've been able to meet new people and make some money.

"We're in a neighbourhood where it's easy to take public transit, (the house is) accessible, safe, and (we can) answer questions (about the city)," Dinur said.

Price

- Accommodation – from a single room to an entire home – is available in cities around the world starting at $25 a night for one room, to hundreds for a fully furnished house at iStopOver.

She signed on with iStopOver, a Toronto-based company that conveniently hooks travellers up with temporary accommodations in homes all around the world.

Karen Anderson, who is from Prince George, stayed with the Dinurs for eight days when she was in town to take a course, and paid $58 a night for the fully-equipped downstairs suite — which has a private entrance.

"I didn't know such a thing (as iStopOver) existed," Anderson said. "There's a map that shows you where the accommodations are and the whole idea appealed to me so much. It was way more affordable than a hotel."

Anderson said it was more personal than a hotel, more flexible than a bed and breakfast and more private and safer than a hostel.

"It was awesome," she said.

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Suspect sought in abduction

Woman sexually assaulted in 4-hour ordeal

RCMP are asking for the public's help identifying a man wanted for abducting and sexually assaulting a woman in Squamish and driving her to Burnaby, where she was released four hours later.

The 39-year-old victim was sleeping in her car when the suspect forced his way in and held her against her will until she was driven to Burnaby.

The man ran off and was later caught on video using his victim's bank card.

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Security camera image of the suspect.

Shoreline cleanup kicks off

ENVIRONMENT A rubber tire and countless liquor bottles were among the garbage that divers pulled from the Burrard Inlet off Stanley Park yesterday at the kick-off to the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup.

The conservation program, which was launched by the Vancouver Aquarium, will be cleaning waterways across Canada on Sept. 19 and 20 while educating the public about the dangers of dumping garbage in marine habitats.

"While submerged car parts and shopping carts are impressive trophies, the real victory will be to rid our shorelines of common litter like cigarette butts and plastic bottles and bags that threaten marine ecosystems," said event executive director Mary Desjardins.

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Lululemon to launch pre-teen line for girls

RETAIL Lululemon Athletica Inc. is launching a new line of clothing called "Ivivva Athletica" aimed at preteen girls.

The Vancouver-based company said the brand, aimed at girls ages six to 12, will be tested with three stores in Vancouver, Victoria and Calgary starting in November.

Chief executive Christine Day said that until now, many young girls have been buying Lululemon items in their smallest sizes.

What's more, she said the company was spending too much money on providing its free hemming for girls buying the pants intended for petite adult women.

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News in brief

JAILED The Vancouver high school student charged with compiling online a hit list of classmates and staff is back in jail, news1130.com reports. The teen's lawyer said he was arrested on Thursday for violating a condition of his release.

SCAM Chilliwack police are warning residents about a telephone identity-theft scam where the suspect claims they work for the city and asks for personal information, including credit card details, news1130.com reports.

TRACTOR A 65-year-old woman is in hospital in stable condition with chest injuries after being run over by a tractor on an Abbotsford farm yesterday.

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Province seeks health-care law revamp 5
Alberta wants to overhaul its health laws, but Health Minister Ron Liepert stresses the move is not a stalking horse to introduce more privatization. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Former minister charged in death

Cyclist killed after hanging onto car: Witnesses

Former high-profile Ontario cabinet minister Michael Bryant has been charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death after a cyclist was killed in an apparent altercation, police said yesterday.

Bryant emerged from a night in police custody yesterday to express condolences to the victim's family in a brief statement outside a downtown police station.

He said he would make a fuller statement about "last night's tragic events" at a later date, but added that for now, "I would, however, like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Sheppard."

Police did not identify the victim, but a woman at Toronto's Action Messenger says bike courier Darcy Allan Sheppard was killed Monday night in the incident.

Witness reports suggest Sheppard died after hanging onto a car following an altercation with a driver in the city's Yorkville district just before 10 p.m.

Those who say they saw what happened said the 33-year-old cyclist was dragged by the car before falling and suffering fatal injuries.

Surveillance video links the suspect driver with the cyclist in two separate incidents but the video doesn't tell the full story, said Sgt. Tim Burrows.

Bryant appears in court Oct. 19. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

- Michael Bryant was attorney general, aboriginal affairs minister and minister of economic development in Ontario. As attorney general, the 43-year-old lawyer was responsible for strict laws against street racing and drunk driving.

Calgary **Techies team up**

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper talks with Dan Van Holst, right, from Waterloo, Ont., a Canadian competitor in automotive technology, and MP Diane Finley as they look at a Ford Focus engine yesterday at the 2009 WorldSkills competition in Calgary. The technology competition will host as many as 150,000 visitors and contestants.

Canadians split on H1N1 vaccine, poll says

CRIME Canadians aren't clamouring en masse for influenza A (H1N1, also known as swine flu) vaccine, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll also indicates some parents have concerns about allowing their children to be injected with a vaccine that contains an adjuvant, a compound that boosts the impact of the vaccine and allows smaller doses to be used.

Only about 45 per cent of respondents intend to get pandemic vaccine when the shots become available later in the fall, the poll found. An equal percentage said they would not take the pandemic shot.

"I think the data show that there is an ambivalence in Canadians about the vaccine," said Dr. Kumanan Wilson, a scientist at the Ottawa Health Research Institute who has done a lot of research on the anti-vaccination movement.

"I think that public health officials need to be concerned about that. Simply having the vaccine isn't going to be enough to have a successful program." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pied Piper's next mission? Alberta

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For some reason, Alberta has long claimed to be rat-free. In fact, when Albertans sing O Canada at hockey games, they sing: "The True North Strong and Rat-Free."

Well, I made that up. But they could.

At least until recently, when the rat firewall between Alberta and the rest of the world has shown signs of breaking down.

All right, stop laughing. Alberta takes its rat-free status very seriously. It claims to be one of the three places in the world, the other two being the Arctic and Antarctica, that are rat-free. The province budgets $500,000 per year to clean up any residual rats. Did you know (according to Wikipedia) only licensed rat facilities, such as zoos and research establishments are allowed to own rats, and possession of an unlicensed rat (including pets) is punishable by a $5,000 fine or 60 days in jail?

Is that a rat-tail in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?

Now rats are turning up all over the place. They could be sneaking over the border from Swift Current; they have been spotted in Calgary, Taber, Newell County, Airdrie and Springbank. A high-level rat inspector has been dispatched to Calgary to ascertain if this here's an official infestation.

Here in Vancouver, it's tough to see what the fuss is all about. We've got rats, millions of them. A rat sneaks across the power line in my otherwise pristine (I'll have you know) backyard every 15 minutes. Rats own the alleys. They elect representatives to city council. (Oh, sorry, those are metaphorical rats. The Norway or sewer rat (*rattus norvegicus*) has yet to acquire the vote. But it can't be long.)

This is a port city, and trying to rid a port city of rats is a little bit like trying to rid a port city of drugs, prostitution, human trafficking, etc. But in Alberta, they're a little prone to magical, aggrandized thinking. Alberta, after all, is a hotbed of fundamentalist creationists, one of whom happens to be our prime minister, and for anyone who really believes the world is 6,000 years old, it's only a short step to believing there ain't no rats.

Rats are, in fact, pests. They eat crops, spread disease and chew stuff, so it makes sense to try to control them, and Alberta has, for the most part, been successful. But why set yourself up as rat-free, thereby setting yourself up for failure? No human device has ever been completely successful — only Arctic and Antarctic frosts do the trick. Whatever else they are, rats aren't stupid. Not only that, they're prolific. Apparently, one motivated pair of fertile rats can lead to 15,000 descendents in a year.

We better hope they don't get the vote. If you think there are too many rats elected to high office now, wait until they can vote for themselves …

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Word on the street: Do you think we should leave the Senate as is, elect our senators, or abolish the Senate?

Jeremy Hussey
age 26, Vancouver

A: I think we should elect our Senate because they should represent the country's views. And they should get paid less money.

Angel Lo
age 26, Vancouver

A: I think the public should elect the Senate. We should vote for them.

James Davis
age 28, Vancouver

A: I'm not the person to ask — I don't keep up on politics. I couldn't even tell you what the Senate is.

Sarah Thuswaldner
age 18, Ottawa

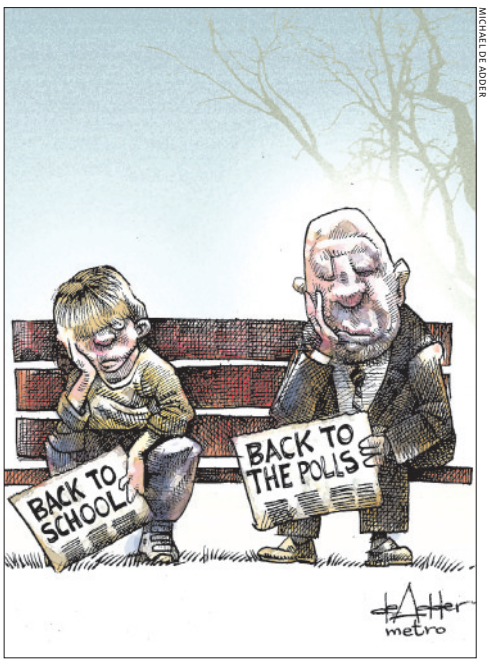
A: An elected senate would make a little more sense. That's the way democracy works and I think it can be applicable everywhere.

Ryan Lenz
age 23, Edmonton

A: I think we, the people, should vote senators in. Why leave it all to one person? Let everyone else have their say.

Heather Cochrane
age 46, Windsor, N.S.

A: I think they should abolish the Senate. I think most of the time it's a waste of time. It's more talk than anything getting done.



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World

Two-thirds of U.S. overweight

Report calls for healthier communities

Where you live matters when it comes to children's waistlines, says a report that finds lots of options localities could and should use to fight child obesity — from easy bike paths, to luring healthier stores, to taxes on junk food.

The report by the U.S. Institute of Medicine says local environments hugely influence those choices — and it calls on city and county governments to make it easier for families to make healthier decisions.

"In some communities, actually doing the healthy thing is not as easy as it might be in other places," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, who chaired the institute's report.

18%

Percentage of U.S. adolescents who are obese

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades.

Yesterday's report was sparked because a local government official asked an institute scientist what practical steps communities can take to do that. The report offers a menu of suggestions and highlights how some communities are making them work. Among them:

• Require chain restaurants to post calorie counts. New York City is among a handful of cities that have begun this.

• Use tax credits and other incentives to attract supermarkets to underserved neighbourhoods; offer grants to small stores to help them stock healthier items, and create community shuttle services or special bus routes to help residents reach supermarkets.

• Build and maintain sidewalks, bike paths, playgrounds and parks to allow safe and comfortable outdoor activity. Use community policing to improve security in high-crime areas so that families will get outdoors, and work with education departments to create programs that allow children to walk or bike to school safely.

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Fire still threatens thousands

CALIFORNIA Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers across a huge swath of Southern California forest yesterday to try to contain a 492-square-kilometre wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more.

The commander of the vast firefighting operation expressed a positive outlook for the first time in the week since the blaze erupted in the Angeles National Forest north of Los Angeles and grew into a giant.

"I'm feeling a lot more optimistic today than I did yesterday and the crews are doing fabulous work out there on the grounds but the bottom line is that they're fighting for every foot," said Mike Dietrich of the U.S. Forest Service.

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Firefighter Sterling Rel studies a blaze yesterday in Glendale, Calif.

Some 3,600 firefighters were working across an 80-kilometre span.

"There's action everywhere," California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said as a helicopter interrupted his conference at the scene of two other wildfires burning in the region east of Los Angeles.

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News in brief

GAZA A Hamas spiritual leader on Monday called teaching Palestinian children about the Nazi murder of six million Jews a "war crime," rejecting a suggestion that the UN might include the Holocaust in Gaza's school curriculum. A senior Israeli official said such statements should make the West think twice about ending its boycott of Hamas, in place since the group seized Gaza by force in 2007. Hamas spiritual leader Younis al-Astal lashed out after hearing the UN Relief and Works Agency planned to introduce the lessons.

MEXICO Hurricane Jimena weakened to a Category 3 hurricane as it threatened resorts on Mexico's Baja peninsula. Maximum winds had dropped to around 205 km/h. The centre of the storm was forecast to be over the peninsula by today.

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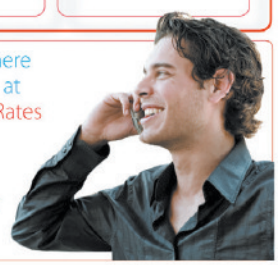

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Carriers adopt cellphone code

Canada's wireless carriers have adopted a new code of conduct that they say will improve consumers' understanding of their contracts when they buy a cellphone.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, an industry group representing wireless carriers, said the new code will give consumers full details on rates, terms and coverage offered in their plans.

It also promises that cellphone companies will communicate with customers in a way that they understand.

"In some cases, our members will have to change and adapt some of their practices to meet the code that is now in force as of today," wireless association president Bernard Lord said yesterday.

Lord said that much of the code is already followed by cellphone companies. However, consumers have often been frustrated by the terms of their cellphone contracts.

Lord said the new code will give consumers the information they need to make informed decisions.

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Firms on board

- Major wireless service providers have signed on to the new code of conduct, including Bell, Rogers, Telus, Videotron, MTS Allstream, and new players Public Mobile and WIND Mobile.

GM bests Ford in August sales

AUTO August was a month of extremes for vehicle sales in Canada, with major automakers posting double-digit losses and others double-digit gains.

Data from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants shows overall vehicles sales in Canada were down 7.9 per cent in August to 135,351 compared to 146,978 a year earlier.

Ford Canada had a tentative grip on top market share for two months in a row, but was edged out of that spot by General Motors in August. GM's Canadian sales declined by 27.5 per cent year over year to 23,018, but the auto-maker still managed to grab the largest portion of the market at 17.6 per cent.

Following GM in market share were Ford, Toyota, Chrysler and Honda.

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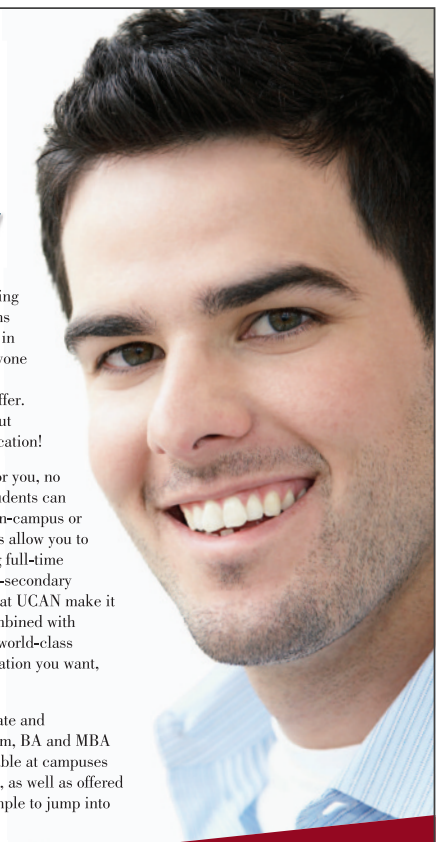

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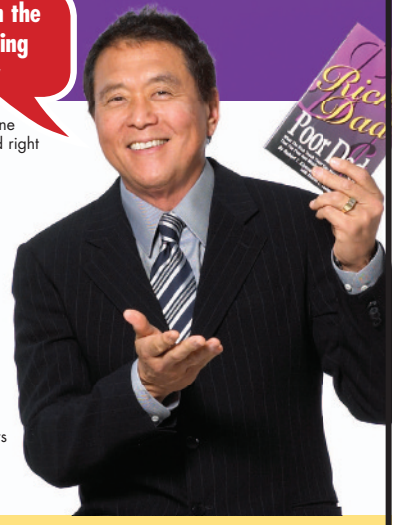

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Leg amputated after lightning strike
FC Nordsjaelland defender Jonathan Richter had part of his left leg amputated, six weeks after he was struck by lightning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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Canada rolls again

Team downs Finland 10-2 at Hockey Canada Cup

Caroline Ouellette and Rebecca Johnston scored hat tricks and Hayley Wickenheiser broke the career 300-point barrier as Canada downed Finland 10-2 in the Hockey Canada Cup last night

The tournament is a test event for the Olympic Games in Vancouver next February.

Wickenheiser also had a pair of assists last night. The 31-year-old captain is Canada's all-time leader in goals (142), assists (159), games (202) and penalty minutes (244). She has averaged 1.5 points per game since joining the national team at the age of 15.

Montreal's Ouellette collected her fifth career hat trick and first since the 2006 Four Nations Cup in Kitchener, Ont. Johnston, from Sudbury, Ont., leads Canada in goalscoring here with five goals in two games.

Canada controlled Tuesday's game throughout, but it was goal-filled and eventful for the 2,237 who attended it at GM Place. Haley Irwin of Thunder Bay, Ont., scored on a penalty shot in the third period.

Sarah Vaillancourt of Sherbrooke, Que., Gillian Apps of Unionville, Ont., and Winnipeg's Jennifer Botterill also scored for Canada (2-0). Johnston's goal was her third in two games. Goaltender Kim St. Pierre of Chateauguay, Que., stopped 11 of 13 shots in her first start of the tournament.

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U.S. wins

- The Americans posted a 7-0 win over the Swedes, who are winless and have yet to score a goal after two games.

Blue Bombers get apology from Lions over gesture

CFL The B.C. Lions have apologized to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and fined themselves for making an offensive gesture towards the Winnipeg bench prior to the start of a CFL game last month.

Following the player introductions prior to Winnipeg's 37-10 win, Lions players gathered at centre field and made a chopping gesture towards the Bombers bench.

In his weekly newspaper column, Winnipeg defensive tackle Doug Brown compared the gesture to the finishing move used by the pro wrestlers formerly known as D-Generation X.

The CFL announced Tuesday the Lions' organization has publicly acknowledged this behaviour was "embarrassing" and should not be tolerated.

B.C. has also extended an apology to the Bombers, with GM/head coach Wally Buono along with all 42 players on the roster that night paying a self-imposed fine.

The amount of the fine was not known but the proceeds will be used to allow many underprivileged Vancouver youth to attend an upcoming CFL game.

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U.S. Open Dubois wins

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Stephanie Dubois of Laval, Que., celebrates yesterday after her 6-0, 6-4 win over Kristina Mladenovic of France during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York. It was the first Grand Slam victory of her career. Maria Sharapova and Dinara Safina were among others who advanced.

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL Adam (Pacman) Jones is coming to the CFL. A CFL source requesting anonymity told The Canadian Press yesterday that the controversial former NFL cornerback has agreed to a one-year deal with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

NHL The Vancouver Canucks have re-signed defenceman Nathan McIver. McIver, 24, spent the 2008-09 season with the Anaheim Ducks and Canucks. In 18 NHL games last season, all with Anaheim, McIver recorded one assist and 36 penalty minutes.

F1 Injured Ferrari driver Felipe Massa received a positive medical report after visiting a specialist in racing injuries in Miami and expects to resume physical workouts as he takes his first step on the road back to Formula One.

NHL A decision by a U.S. bankruptcy judge in the blazing Arizona heat could allow Jim Balsillie to continue his pursuit of putting an NHL team in Hamilton, or test the cold resolve of the Canadian billionaire to fight the league in court.

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University students make more: Study
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Workology

Enrolment boom at Sault College

As of last week, there are 1,248 first-year students registered at Sault College, up 36 per cent from the same time last year. Overall enrollment is expected to increase 26 per cent for the fall term. The enrollment boom is being attributed to the economy, which has led many adults to return to the classroom. The college is reporting that some 120 students are registering through Ontario's Second Career Program. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Lie, break promises — just as long as you pay

Workplace satisfaction

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Employers keeping or breaking promises made to employees has little to do with job satisfaction, according to a new study from the University of Toronto that challenges decades of research.

"Basically, it's 'Show me the money,'" says Samantha Montes, who co-authored the report with Rotman School of Management colleague David Zweig for the Journal of Applied Psychology.

Previous research suggested what made for happy staff was when clear promises were made by employers and then delivered.

But Montes and Zweig found keeping the "psychological contract" had little effect on an employee's feelings for the organization.

"The findings overall suggest that promises don't matter as much as we think they do, which is somewhat controversial," says Montes. She thinks that's not due to recent changes in the job market, but that "previous information was misleading."

"I studied the concept of broken promises, and I studied it differently," she says. Previously, breach of promise was seen as a gap between what employees think they are promised and what they get.

"Unfortunately, what they've done in almost all of the previous research is ask people, 'To what extent has your organization filled all of your promises?'"

That mixes promised inducements and delivered inducements, she says. The new research untangles the two issues.

"My findings show promises don't really come into peoples' minds. All they seem to care about is whether they are getting the pay they want to be getting," she says.

"It's not even as though people are saying, 'How does what I get compare to what I expected to get?' All I saw was that it came down to whatever the employee referred to as the bottom line: Is this the amount of skill-development I want? Is this the pay that I want? Is this the amount of support I want? If it was, they were happy. If it wasn't, then regardless of their expectations and promises, they weren't going to be happy."

This can lead to perplexed bosses, who are carefully delivering on promises, but not getting happy workers.

"Even if you meet employee expectations, even if you fulfill the promises you make to employees, if the level of benefits is low — lower compensation, lower development opportunities, lower support — you're not going to have happy, satisfied, committed employees," she says.

"It's important that organizations divert any resources they were spending on managing expectations and managing promises into actually providing these opportunities and benefits that employees actually want."

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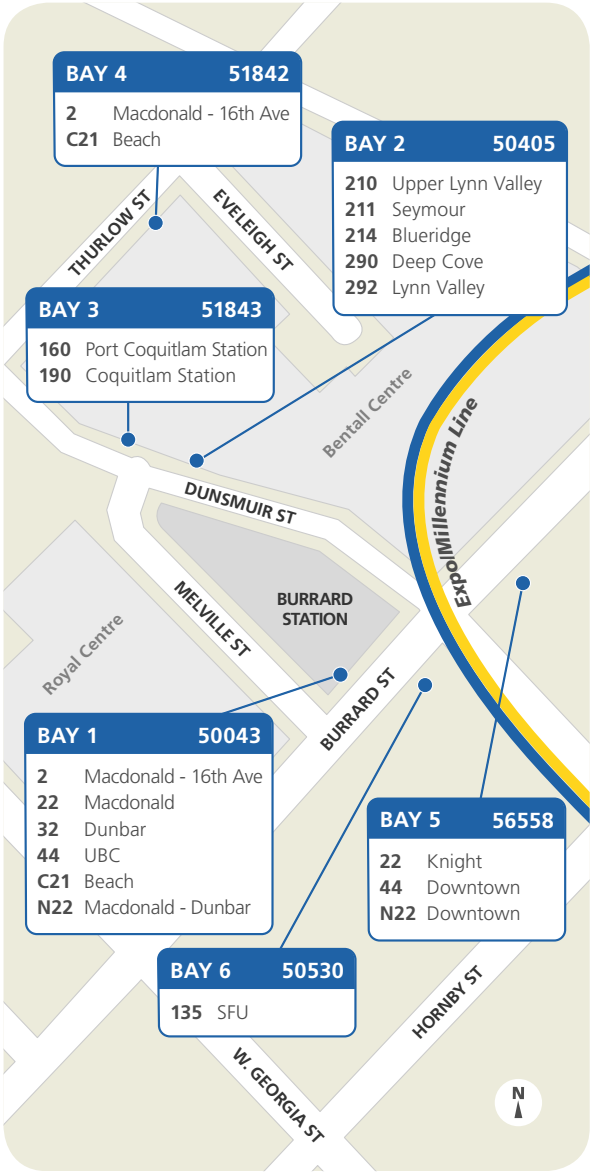

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Performance appraisals a double-edged sword

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Employers seeking to dismiss their habitual underperformers usually follow a prescription for a tidy divorce: Gather ammunition and create a paper trail documenting any and all allegations and concerns. Typically, this is accomplished by a series of negative performance appraisals. If the employee then wishes to go to war, there will be a mountain of evidence to overcome.

Performance appraisals can, however, be a double-edged sword. Court cases clearly indicate that employers owe a duty to provide employees with the opportunity and means required to improve underperformance, if dismissing them on those grounds. Judges require that employers prove the employee was grossly incompetent, and that progressive warnings were issued, clearly identifying areas of concern.

I often recommend to maligned employees that they prepare for and then fight the battle by building a supportive documentary case by first challenging a negative or unjust performance appraisal. Then, should legal confrontation ensue, the employee has the ability to contest any injurious inferences drawn by a series of unsatisfactory appraisals.

For employees faced with a negative performance appraisal, consider the following advice:

- Document your response to a challenged appraisal in writing and request that the response be placed in your human resource file.
- Performance appraisals should be remedial in nature. Point out that the standards expected are not objectively reasonable, are beyond your capability, were never communicated, or suitable instruction and supervision were never given to assist in meeting those standards.
- Although remedial, negative performance appraisals usually contemplate corrective discipline, which may eventually support the employer's case for dismissal. Therefore, ask for sufficient time and support to correct any alleged deficiency. Also, state that all of the company's concerns can't be addressed without assistance and while expected to simultaneously maintain a regular workload.

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Metro Drive

E-cabs put to test

Japan is getting all charged up for the world's first-ever electric taxi pilot program, which hits Tokyo streets come January. The participating cabs will use "swappable" batteries, which can be replaced in about the same time it takes to fill a gas tank. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The Honda Civic has been one of Canada's favourite cars from the very first ones sold back in 1973.

Honda's northern light

Civic still Canadian gold standard for compact sedans

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

It's amusing to hear our American friends going on about the importance of buying products made in the U.S.A. when one of their favourite cars is made by a foreign power — us.

Yep, the Honda Civic sedan is just one of the vehicles made in Ontario at Honda's production facility in Alliston.

The perennial top selling compact car in Canada and the U.S., the current generation Civic blurs the line between compact and mid-size because 2009 Civics aren't really all that small anymore. The Civic is 4.4-metres long with the passenger volume of 2,574 litres. It may be considered compact on the outside, but it's mid-size on the inside.

There are no less than six different Civic models: four trim levels (DX, DX-G, Sport, EX-L) of the sedan, the sporty Si with a bigger 2.0-litre engine that revs freely to an amazing 7,800 rpm and the Hybrid that boasts fuel economy numbers of 4.7L/100 km city and 4.3L/100 km highway.

The instrument panel of the Civic is set up as two tiers with a digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge placed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight.

Tested here is the Sport that replaces last year's LX model. The Sport features a leather wrapped steering wheel, black cloth interior with silver contrast stitching and little things like a chrome exhaust tip and USB device connector.

The shape of the Civic sedan, as well as the coupe, has now defined the Honda "family look" with a steeply raked front windshield that is part of a sweeping roofline that actually starts at the nose then arches up and over in one curve to the rear deck. That is combined with a wide track and extremely short overhangs for a look that seems hewn out of one block.

All Civics, including the Sport, have what Honda calls its Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) Body Structure. In a frontal crash, the energy is dispersed through a network of load bearing structures in the front of the vehicle.

The interior of the current generation Civic takes advantage of its greater width. For instance, the seats are wider, and thus, more supportive.

Power for the four main Civic sedans, including the Sport, is a 1.8-litre SOHC in-line four-cylinder producing 140 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque. Standard transmission is a five-speed manual with a five-speed automatic as an option.

2009 Honda Civic Sport Sedan

Type: Compact sedan
Price: from $21,780.
Engine: 1.8-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder (140 hp, 128 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Roomy and affordable
- Honda quality made in Canada
- Advanced body structure for more safety

Hybrid BMW X6 coming

DEBUT The 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA) in September and will reach Canadian BMW showrooms in late 2009.

The world's first Sports Activity Coupé with full hybrid drive capitalizes on the benefits offered by combining the combustion engine with electric motors, offering a significant increase in driving dynamics while reducing fuel consumption by approximately 20 per cent versus a comparable vehicle powered by a combustion engine alone.

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Travel

German Currywurst Museum

The long wait has finally come to an end for fans of Germany's most beloved urban snack — the first German Currywurst Museum opened its doors in Berlin near Checkpoint Charlie. The museum will celebrate all things related to the curious combination of curry, ketchup and sausage. There'll be recipes, a history of the cult snack, a museum shop and a documentary called Best of the Wurst. See currywurstmuseum.de. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sampling the perks of paradise

Coffee lovers can go right to the source on Hawaii's Big Island

BY DAWNA L. ROBERTSON
for Metro Canada

KIRK LEE AEDER/HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY

Visitors stroll through a coffee plantation on the Big Island's Kona Coast. The annual Kona Coffee Cultural Festival will take place Nov. 6 to 15.

ALVIS UPITIS/RISER

Coffee beans dry in the sun on Hawaii's Kona Coast.

Anyone who has ever visited Hawaii's Big Island knows its beauty is cut from a different cloth. What would you expect from a 4,028-square-mile gem that's home to 11 climate zones?

From black sand beaches to snow-capped mountaintops, Hawaii's biggest playground literally surprises at every turn.

While this tropical retreat is never short on recreational diversions, the cultural scene becomes even more robust each November thanks to Hawaii's longest running agricultural festival, which continues to stir up quite a buzz on the typically laid-back island.

Through the years, the award-winning Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, konacoffeefest.com, has garnered recognition as the pioneer food festival in Hawaii. Slated for Nov. 6 to 15, the 39th edition will celebrate with a Kona Coffee — Aroma of Aloha theme, paying homage to pioneers, farmers, artisans and the product itself.

Nearly 50 festival events will include coffee-based competitions, tastings, parades, farm tours, workshops, art exhibits and an outdoor concert.

Heading to Kona a few days prior to last year's festival launch, I opted to perk up a low-key day by touring Kona Coffee Country. Driving maps are available from hotel concierges, local businesses or by contacting info@konacoffeefest.com.

The comprehensive piece includes information on coffee history, industry standards and cultivation practices. For direction ease, it opens to a map pinpointing locations of Kona Coffee farms and retail sites that welcome guests.

American missionary Samuel Ruggles introduced coffee to the island in 1828, transporting cuttings of Arabica trees from Oahu to Kona. The area was a natural, thanks to its rich volcanic soil, ample rainfall, natural cloud cover and hard-working family farmers.

Picking up steam among connoisseurs, Kona Coffee consists exclusively of beans grown on the western slopes of Hualalai and Mauna Loa in a strip extending south from the village of Holualoa to the town of Honaunau. This delicacy is distinguished for having a full, rich flavor with balanced acidity, great aroma and long finish lacking bitterness. More than 670 farms create a tapestry amid the 35-kilometre-long, three-kilometre-wide coffee-rich corridor. So with this Java 101 under my belt and map in hand, I hit the road.

First stop was Greenwell Farms, greenwellfarms.com, in Kealakekua, one of the industry's oldest and most storied producers. The Greenwell legacy began in 1850 when Henry Nicholas Greenwell left England for the fertile soil of rural Kona. For the next 40 years, he and his wife farmed, ranched and perfected their product.

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Good to know

- For information on transportation, accommodations and additional activities, visit bigisland.org and kohalacoastresorts.com.
- For details on the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, visit konacoffeefest.com or email info@konacoffeefest.com.
- For hotel packages, contact Keauhou Beach Resort, 877-532-8468; King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel, konabeachhotel.com; Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, sheratonkeauhou.com; and Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, outriggerkeauhoubeach.com

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Today, the spread lies adjacent to the Greenwell's ancestral home, now occupied by the Kona Historical Society's Kona Coffee Living History Farm, konahistorical.org. Managed by family descendants, Greenwell Farms works 150 acres of the most productive land in the Kona District. As with many larger producers, it purchases additional coffee cherry from selected farms within the region. My tour guide, Kapua, described how the transformation from cherries into a full-bodied, aromatic brew begins with hand-planted seedlings. "They blossom into Kona Snow flowers, which produce bright red cherries that generally contain two coffee beans," Kapua explained.

Those producing a single bean are referred to as peaberries — considered top crop with a more concentrated flavour leaving a tingle on the tongue.

We then headed to the drying area where beans are pulped, dried and hulled to remove their parchment. Mill machinery sorts the beans into distinctive grades based on size and shape. With a selection of savory souvenirs I purchased at Greenwell's retail shop, I set off for Mountain Thunder, mountainthunder.com, a five-acre organic farm in Kainaliu. Here, visitors can tour, taste and purchase organic Kona Coffee and green tea grown at 3,200 feet on the slopes of Hualalai.

Owner Trent Bateman's commitment to the environment, technology and his family are key ingredients that give Mountain Thunder's 100 per cent organic Kona Coffee its true flavor. Bateman believed in the health benefits of foods grown free from harmful herbicides and additives well before organic farming became the staple it is today.

During a typical farm tour, visitors might be served a cup of coffee by Bateman's wife Lisa, or learn how to roast coffee beans from Bateman himself. Their daughter, Brooke, has developed a line of coffee and tea-infused beauty products sold on-site. The Batemans even employ families of Chinese Geese, St. Croix Sheep and Kona Nightingale Donkeys to help weed the grounds and nuzzle up to visitors — not to mention provide plenty of free organic fertilizer.

Next, I headed further along Highway 11 to Kona Joe Coffee, konajoe.com, in Kainaliu. Established in 1997, the family-owned 20-acre estate has taken a page from wine vineyards by growing its cherries on trellises. The brainchild of owner Joe Alban, the process trains trees by years of meticulous pruning to grow sideways and upward over the patented system.

"It's well worth the effort because trees develop with more uniform sun exposure resulting in more even ripening of the coffee cherry," remarked the tasting room hostess. Aside from a mean cup of Joe, Kona Joe's setting was worth the jaunt. Acres of coffee trees sprawled below the tasting room, with the blue Pacific as a backdrop.

With a few more farms and quite a few more cups of coffee fueling the afternoon, I was compelled to make a final stop at Kona Coffee & Tea Company's retail outlet near the Kona International Airport at Keahole on Queen Kaahumanu Highway, konacoffeeandtea.com.

According to Malia Bolton, director of operations, comparing Kona Coffee to Napa's wine industry is natural. "We're both regions producing fine quality beverages," she said. "And we share the reputation of coupling these products with memorable experiences."

Bolton added that one of the greatest misconceptions is that there is only one Kona Coffee. "So many people don't understand what a big business this is," she explained. "There are hundreds of farms producing. So the variety inspires tasters to discover their palate's most desirable flavour."

"There are hundreds of farms producing. So the variety inspires tasters to discover their palate's most desirable flavour."
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New Brunswick's coastal charms

Covered bridges and natural wonders line Bay of Fundy

The sign at the entrance to the weatherbeaten structure along Highway 114 south of Moncton harkens back to a simpler time. It reads: "Walk Your Horse and Save a Fine."

Constructed in 1905, the Sawmill Creek covered bridge is no longer in use but is one of the oldest among an abundance of covered bridges along the Fundy Coastal Drive, which eventually leads the traveller down to Fundy National Park.

There are 64 covered bridges in New Brunswick — 28 in Kings County alone. They're so popular that they have spawned the annual Covered Bridge Festival to celebrate Canada's Covered Bridge Capital, Kings County, each July.

If the city of Moncton is your starting point, then the Fundy Coastal Drive is an excellent day trip. You'll encounter dozens of picturesque villages, picnic and hiking areas and, of course, the covered bridges.

"Why are they covered? It's just because back when there (were) horse-and-carriages (the bridges) had to be covered because when there is snow and rain the wood can deteriorate," explained Keltie Ryan, the supervisor at the Covered Bridge Visitor Information Centre in Kings County. "However they would put snow on the bridges so horse-and-sleighs could be used," she added.

About 200 visitors a day drop into the information centre, including many who were fans of the 1995 movie The Bridges of Madison County, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. "A lot of people come around looking for covered bridges — it's almost like the lighthouse fad where people come and see how they are still being used today," Ryan said.

The most obvious attraction for the 2.6 million annual visitors, though, is the world-famous Bay of Fundy, which records the highest tides in the world.

One hundred-billion tonnes of seawater rolls in twice daily down the 290-kilometre funnel, which is wide at one end and gradually tapers at the other.

It's the only Canadian destination to make the top 28 compiled by an international panel of experts to compete to become one of the New7Wonders of Nature.

"It's the first place you would take someone who is visiting," confirmed Diane Rioux, project executive for Tourism New Brunswick.

The Hopewell Rocks, which have been named one of the Marine Wonders of the World, are also on the must-see list. The flowerpot shaped rock formations have been carved by erosion over thousands of years. At low tide, visitor can walk in their shadows along the floor but at high tide, kayakers use the opportunity to dart in and out through the holes in the rocks four storeys above.

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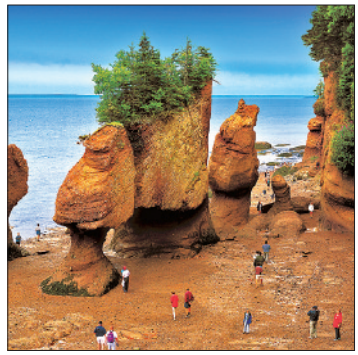

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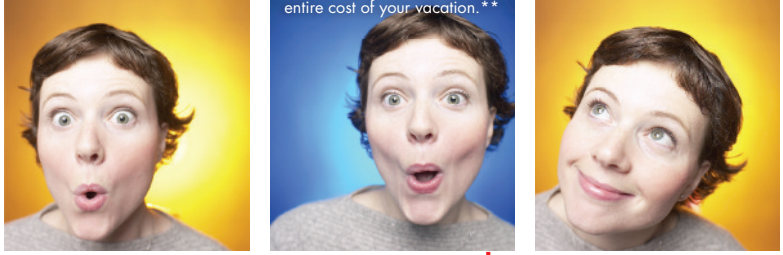
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Entertainment

Prejean suing

Fallen beauty queen Carrie Prejean is suing the Miss California USA pageant and co-executive director Shanna Moakler alleging religious discrimination. Prejean, 22, is also suing for libel and slander. PEOPLE.COM

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Blue collar fun

Mike Judge seeks workplace laughs in Extract

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Although he's more famous for creating such iconic animated television sitcoms as Beavis and Butt-Head and the long-running King of the Hill, filmmaker Mike Judge does have one cinematic treasure to his name — Office Space.

Having mastered the eccentricities of the workplace in that 1999 comedy classic, Judge may soon satisfy those who've craved for his return to skewering office dynamics ever since. Admittedly, his new film, Extract, should've been made a lot sooner.

"I started writing (Extract) shortly after Office Space," said Judge during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "I started writing it, got 50 pages in and (the scriptwriting) software I was using got corrupted and froze up including the version I saved ... by the time I opened it up, I was like, 'Nah, screw it.'"

Extract opens in theatres this Friday

Ten years later, the comedy starring Jason Bateman as a bewildered owner of a floundering flavouring factory is set for release this Friday. Being described as a "blue collar" rendition of Office Space, in the film Judge again captures the hilarious authenticity of the working environment.

"I had so many jobs and I just think there's a lot of material there," said Judge about his interest in the workplace setting. "I just find this stuff kind of interesting and funny and not a lot of people are doing it."

But part of the success of Office Space (and perhaps Extract) was also the adoption of certain lines and iconic moments into the zeitgeist. Mention such things as the "O-face" or "Milton's red stapler" to anyone who's seen the 1999 cult hit and those gags have a whole new pop-cultural understanding.

"At the premiere, (a friend) picked the oddest line that I don't think anyone even laughed at," said Judge about which moments in Extract could find their way into the zeitgeist.

"You don't plan those things; when you plan them, they don't work so you just write the thing and those quotable lines - that's up to the audience and they find them. I just hope they do that with this one."

Mike Judge, who directed the 1999 comedy Office Space, on the set of his new film Extract.

In brief

TV CBS has landed a highly sought multicamera comedy script by Will & Grace alumna Gail Lerner. The project, tentatively titled Open Books, has received a pilot commitment from the network. It revolves around book editor June and her circle of friends.

TV The Daytime Emmy Awards hit an all-time ratings low after being relegated to the CW network on Sunday. The 36th annual awards show, averaged 2.3 million viewers — off 57 per cent from last year when the Daytime Emmys aired on ABC.

TV MTV's reinvention of the 1985 movie Teen Wolf is inching closer to reality. The cable network announced the project in January as part of its development slate. After seeing the script, MTV brass have picked it up as a pilot presentation.

REUTERS

Kenya's**Style**

Kenya Hunt

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The New Adventures of Old Christine

Physician, heal thyself. And gym owner, trim thyself. While helping Matthew (Hamish Linklater) lose some weight, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) tries to shed a few extra pounds that she's acquired ... and she can't. While it's true that after a certain age, it's harder to take weight off, this is especially embarrassing for Christine since she owns a fitness center. Clark Gregg also stars in "He Ain't Heavy." 8 PM on CBS

Eat Yourself Sexy

Gillian McKeith, whose show "You Are What You Eat" is a hit across the pond, brings her no-nonsense nutritional advice to Canadian women in this new series. In the premiere, she works with 46-year-old Sharon, who's not thrilled about the new foods Gillian recommends and feels self-conscious about going to the gym. 9:30 PM on W

Demi and Ashton want a baby

Demi Moore admits that she and Ashton Kutcher are interested in having a baby, hollyscoop.com reports. "We have so much to live for, and obviously one of them is to have a child," said the 46-year-old Moore. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Paris has best security ever

NO HAIR LEFT BEHIND While on a retail therapy trip to Las Vegas with her grandmother last week, Paris Jackson enjoyed a trip to a salon for a haircut — and security was sure to keep all of Michael Jackson's daughter's clippings, according to the Daily Mail.

Workers at the salon carefully swept up, bagged, and handed over every last hair cut from the 11-year-old's head to thwart potential thieves from snatching a strand for DNA tests to determine who her biological father is.

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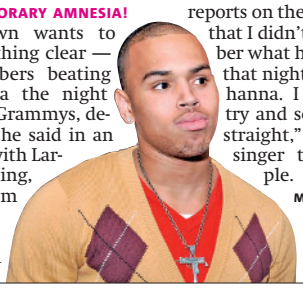
Brown remembers beating

OOPS! TEMPORARY AMNESIA! Chris Brown wants to make one thing clear — he remembers beating up Rihanna the night before the Grammys, despite what he said in an interview with Larry King, popeater.com reports.



"There have been reports on the Internet that I didn't remember what happened that night with Rihanna. I want to try and set things straight," the singer told People.

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Miley the other woman?

TEEN HOMEWRECKER? Miley Cyrus' new romance with Liam Hemsworth has left his ex-girlfriend devastated, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Australian student Laura Griffin says Cyrus took her "boyfriend and best friend."

The 19-year-old wrote on Facebook: "Liam and I have been inseparable since school. But it's Miley Cyrus. How can I compete?"

Griffin told Australia's Woman's Day magazine the pair would still be together if it wasn't for Cyrus: "He was my boyfriend and my best friend. There is no other reason why we would have broken up."

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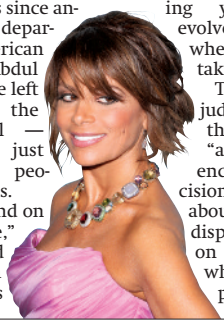
Money not behind Idol split: Paula

POST-IDOL In one of her first interviews since announcing her departure from American Idol, Paula Abdul reveals why she left her post on the judges' panel — and wasn't just about money, people.com reports.



"I had to stand on my principle," Abdul, 47, told TV Guide. "I'm going to miss the experience of watching young talent evolve into a place where they get to take off and soar."

The former Idol judge, who calls the show an "amazing experience," says her decision wasn't solely about a paycheck dispute. "I stand on principle where many people stand on money," she said. "I'm a hard-working artist. I've lasted in this business for 23 years. And you can't do that unless you are good at what you do."

So what's next? "I definitely want to do a talk show because it would be different," Abdul said. "It would be a lot of fun variety with a ton of unexpected stuff and tributes to everyday people getting their big chance."

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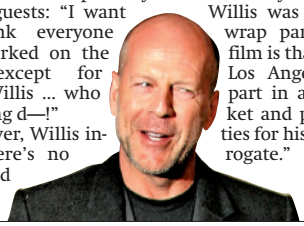
Bruce rubbed Kevin wrong way?

GUESS THEY WON'T BE WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN Bruce Willis has brushed off rumours of a feud with Hollywood filmmaker Kevin Smith — after the director reportedly lashed out at a recent event for their new film A Couple of Dicks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Willis was noticeably absent from the wrap party in New York, fuelling reports the pair has been at odds over the action star's demands to add his own creative input to the film.

According to the National Enquirer, Smith took advantage of his star's absence to criticize him in a scathing toast, reportedly telling guests: "I want to thank everyone who worked on the film, except for Bruce Willis ... who is a f—ing d—!"



However, Willis insists there's no bad blood between the pair. His spokesperson told WENN, "There is absolutely no rift between Bruce Willis and Kevin Smith.

"The only reason Mr. Willis was not at the wrap party for the film is that he was in Los Angeles taking part in a press junket and press activities for his movie Surrogate."

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Nicolas liquidating real estate?

MASSIVE SELL-OFF Fashion designer Christian Audigier has reportedly added to his Los Angeles property empire by snapping up Nicolas Cage's famous Bel Air property, according to reports.

Cage's mansion, which was once home to both Dean Martin and Tom Jones, has been on the market since 2007. The actor slashed the asking price by half earlier this summer in a bid to off-load the property.

It is not known exactly what Audigier, who also co-owns the Holmby Hills mansion Michael Jackson called home during the last months of his life, paid for the pad.

According, to radaronline.com, Cage was selling it for a drastically reduced price of $17.5 million US.

Cage has also slashed the price of his 12-bedroom estate in Rhode Island, which hit the property market last year for $16 million. According to realestalker.com, he's now asking $12 million for the home.

The movie star is also reportedly selling a two-unit condominium at the Olympic Tower in New York, two homes in New Orleans, Louisiana and a house in Las Vegas.

Reports suggest he recently sold property in Malibu, California and a castle in Germany. He still owns an estate in England, a second home in Malibu and a spread in the Bahamas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lindsay adds to tattoo collection

MARILYN'S NO. 1 FAN Lindsay Lohan added a new tattoo to her collection, and it's another Marilyn Monroe quote.

The piece of ink — reportedly her eighth — rests just below her wrist on her right arm and reads in cursive, "I restore myself when I'm alone," according to Perez Hilton.

Lohan already has a Monroe quote on her left wrist that reads, "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle."

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Celebrity tweets

Demi Moore takes on the tabloid talk about her appearance, Tony Hawk has been watching too much HBO, Katy Perry dishes on her love for California Pizza Kitchen, and LL Cool J finds inspiration in geology.

• @mrskutcher All this garbage that came out today about me is nothing more than an effort to diminish not just me but all women.

• @tonyhawk Gonna start calling my kids "teacup humans" thanks to True Blood.

• @katyperry Fast fact: could never afford the avocado which was 2 dollars extra & only got half order instead of full. I was poor! DREAMS DO COME TRUE.

• @llcoolj Pressure makes diamonds.

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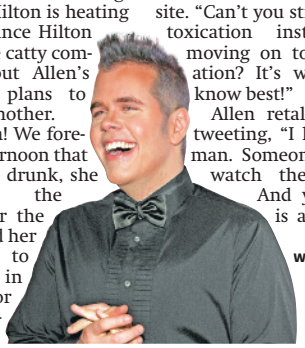
Perez's Parenting 101

HARSH WORDS The feud between Lily Allen and blogger Perez Hilton is heating up again since Hilton made some catty comments about Allen's rumoured plans to become a mother.



"Bad idea! We foresee the afternoon that Lily gets so drunk, she confuses the playpen for the pig pen and her baby has to waddle in mud for hours before someone notices," Hilton wrote on his website. "Can't you stick to intoxication instead of moving on to procreation? It's what you know best!"

Allen retaliated by tweeting, "I hate this man. Someone better watch themselves. And yes, that is a threat."

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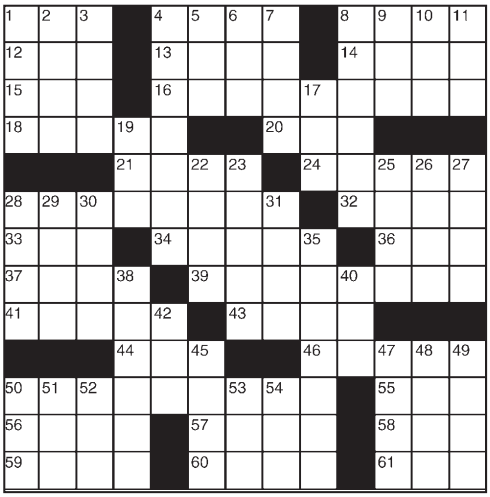

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15 "Born in the —"
16 Track timer
18 Ledger entry
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24 Presents
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32 Italian farewell
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36 Matterhorn, for one
37 Venetian blind part
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44 Scoundrel
46 Youngsters
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57 Womanizer
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23 Seafood selection
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35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
42 Greek cross
45 Small pie
47 Eccentric
48 Sea eagle
49 Spotted
50 Pigpen
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52 Scale member
53 Additionally
54 Mongrel

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Peppered T-bone Steaks

INGREDIENTS:

3 tbsp (45 ml) steak sauce
4 1/2 tsp (22 ml) minced fresh thyme or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 ml) coarsely ground pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
2 beef T-bone steaks
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt

METHOD:

1. Coat grill rack with non-stick cooking spray before starting grill. In small bowl, combine steak sauce, thyme, pepper and cayenne.
2. Sprinkle steaks on both sides with salt. Spoon about 2 teaspoons steak sauce mixture on one side of steaks.
3. Place on grill sauce side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat 6 minutes. Brush with remaining sauce and turn. Grill 4-6 minutes longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, meat thermometer should read 145 F/63 C; medium, 160 F/71 C; well-done 170 F/77 C). Serve with grilled veggie skewers.

SERVES 2

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make a special effort to stay on top of your workload today, because if you let things slide you'll find it hard to catch up.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Venus, your ruler, aspects success planet Saturn today, so your efforts, both in your personal life and in your work, are sure to pay off.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You are taking certain matters too seriously and in one area in particular you seem to believe that you are to blame for other people's unhappiness.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try not to draw attention to something of an embarrassing nature today. It may be amusing to you but it won't be funny to a friend or a colleague.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Money matters and business issues may be under good stars at the moment but that is not an invitation to take risks with what you own and earn.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A dispute of some kind may be unsettling but there is no need to worry as it will most likely be over as quickly as it started.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are expecting too much of yourself and if you don't lower your sights a little you could be in for a disappointment later in the month.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Everyone is born with a talent and everyone has a destiny for which they are well equipped. Keep that thought in mind when dealing with people.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will make a big impression on employers and other important people today. Saturn will bring your leadership qualities to the fore.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are no barriers. You can do whatever it is you want in this life. Any obstacles you encounter, now or in the future, are in your mind.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You are noticeably more confident about your prospects of late, even though your circumstances have changed little, if at all.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Deal with people who annoy you in a brisk and businesslike manner today, especially those who waste your time on trivial matters.

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